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OFFERED BRIBE TO HAVE DEPARTMENT FORGET IT

Assistant Postmaster at Wintepock Brought Here on Serious Charge.

HAD RIVAL NAMES CUT OUT

Then, It Is Alleged, De Raisne Sent \$6 to Board as Prize for Its Silence.

Edward De Raisne, assistant postmaster at Wintepock, Chesterfield county, was arrested yesterday by Deputy Marshal John Murphy on the charge of bribery, and brought to this city, where he was bailed before United States Commissioner Flegenheimer, E. T. Puckett, of Wintepock, went his bond in the sum of \$300.

It is alleged that De Raisne and several others took the civil service examination for rural mail carriers at their office some time ago. He did not get the appointment. According to the evidence brought out by the investigation which was made by the department, he wrote to the authorities at Washington the names of the successful candidates, requesting that their names be removed from the eligible list, which would, of course, place him in line for the position.

Claims He Sent Bribe.

This action looked suspicious to the department, and an investigation was ordered. As soon as the knowledge of this came to him, it is said that De Raisne wrote to the head of the department, enclosing \$6—a \$5 bill and a \$1 bill—requesting that the matter be kept quiet. While his arrest would have almost certainly followed the quiet investigation, the offering of this bribe confirmed the suspicions of the department, and a warrant was issued at once.

De Raisne is a good-looking young man, and seems to be but little more than twenty-one years of age. He appears to be deeply mortified over his trouble, and had nothing to say from the time he was arrested until he was bailed and returned to his home in company with Mr. Puckett. The authorities are of the opinion that the act was done more through ignorance than criminal intent. The indictment will be returned by the grand jury at the next term of the United States court.

MAY SUE CITY

Merchants Claim Damage to Stock From Long Delays on Main Street.

As a result of correspondence and conferences between the board of the Business Men's Club, Mayor Richardson, City Engineer Bolling and the Main Street paving contractor, a large force was put to work yesterday morning to complete the work. The board of directors of the Business Men's Club took vigorous action in regard to the continued delay, Main Street between Seventh and Twelfth having been torn up since early in July, to the great inconvenience of the business interests. Mayor Richardson conferred with the City Engineer on Monday, with such good purpose that work has been resumed, and gives promise of speedy completion, less than one block now remaining to be laid on concrete. In the event of any further delay the contract and bond will be declared forfeited. It is known that several merchants in the district affected have consulted counsel as to the advisability of filing a claim against the city for damage to business and injury to stock from the long delay in replacing the street, and the consequent dirt and grime blown into stores.

RICHMOND GERMAN

Officers Elected at the Annual Meeting Held at Westmoreland.

At the annual meeting of the Richmond German, held last night at the Westmoreland, the following officers were elected:

President, Hon. R. Carter Scott; Vice-President, Hon. Levin Joyner; Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. George Melville Reich.

Board of Governors—Colonel Jo Lane Stern, Colonel Joseph E. Willard, Mr. Watkins Ellerson, Mr. John Currie, Mr. John T. Anderson.

The president, vice-president and secretary were made members of the board of governors.

DEMOCRATS TAKE BETS

Put Up Large Sums of Money on Bryan and New York Governorship.

Richmond Democrats are waging up to the betting and the presidential campaign, and are placing their money on Bryan just as if they had plenty more at home.

A prominent local Democrat yesterday took the short end of \$700 to \$800 that Telford will be elected, and after the money was up the Bryan man asked for more on the same terms.

In the afternoon, in a downtown restaurant a member of the City Council made a bet with a custom-house official of \$100 to \$75 that Chandler will beat Hughes for Governor of New York. Local Democrats appear to be confident that Chandler will win his fight, and it does not require a great deal of teasing to get them to put their money on Bryan.

POINT TO ADAMS AS SOUTH'S FRIEND

Independent Voters Will Give Him Warm Reception at the Academy To-Morrow Night.

RECALL HIS TRIBUTE TO LEE

Representative Citizens Appointed to Meet Speaker and Arrange Plans for Meeting.

Among independent voters there is great interest in the address of Charles Francis Adams, of Boston, which will be delivered at the Academy of Music to-morrow night, in which he will deal on broad lines with the issues involved in the present campaign.

Mr. Adams is one of the leading students of public questions in America. Since the war between the States he has manifested a deep interest in the Southern people and an appreciation of their character and of the political and economic problems which have confronted them.

In a number of addresses and written papers he has defended the Southern people and Southern men from the attacks of more partisan and extreme writers and speakers. Perhaps his leading address relating to the South was the one he delivered at Lexington, Va., at the time of the Lee anniversary in 1907, which attracted widespread attention throughout this country, and in which he presented General Robert E. Lee as the greatest American character and manifested an admiration for him as a citizen and as a man not exceeded by that of his warm admirers in the South.

Wanted to Speak Here.

Mr. Adams has also undertaken on various public occasions and by his writings to do full justice to the character of Jefferson Davis and of other Southern statesmen, and has always been ready to defend the Southern people from unjust attacks.

A few weeks ago he stated in a letter to a prominent Southern man that he would not make any speeches in the present campaign, owing to his age and retirement from politics, unless he received an invitation signed by representative Richmond people to appear in this city, and that he would not make a public speech at any other place. This expression on the part of Mr. Adams having become known to certain citizens of Richmond, an invitation was at once given to him, signed by more than 100 of the representative men of the city. In accepting the invitation, he said:

"It is almost needless to say I feel highly gratified at the earnest, as well as spontaneous, invitation to appear in this city, and the weight as well as number of the names attached to it," and expressed his intention to discuss public questions before a Richmond audience in a broad and patriotic manner, rather than in a partisan spirit.

Arrangements for the meeting at the Academy to-morrow night have been perfected by the committee in charge, consisting of Messrs. Wyndham R. Meredith, L. J. Marcuse, Thomas S. Wheelwright, R. A. Lancaster, Jr., Charles E. Wortham, Jr. and Henry W. Anderson. Mr. Adams will be received on his arrival in Richmond by a number of leading citizens, and will be the guest of the independent voters of Richmond while in this city, the meeting being entirely under their control. The program for the evening has been issued to those persons who signed the invitation to Mr. Adams and to their friends for whom tickets have been requested, and may be obtained by application to any member of the committee. The tickets will be served up to 8:15 o'clock, and the time the house will be thrown open to the general public without tickets. The doors will be open at 7:45 to such as have tickets, and at 8:15 to the general public. A concert will be given in the Academy by Kessner's Band from 8 to 8:30, at which time the speaking will begin. Ladies are invited to be present, and special provision has been made for their comfort and pleasure.

The boxes will be occupied by a number of prominent Richmond people and their families, and a large number of prominent Richmond men will have seats on the stage. The details of the program for the meeting will be announced to-morrow morning.

NOT RISK FREE BRIDGE

Manchester Committee Remains at Issue, and Meeting Fails.

All five of the Richmond members of the special joint committee of the Richmond and Manchester Councils on repairing or replacing the James River Free Bridge appeared at the Richmond City Hall last night, but the five Manchester members failed to show up. Seven members of the James River Bridge Commission, three from Manchester and four from Richmond, with telephone messages to the homes of the Manchester members brought the information that the Manchester members had been up to a late hour last night but had not arrived.

The joint committee adjourned to meet at a time and place to be selected by the Manchester members, and the Manchester citizens who had gathered in the Council chamber to hear the debate took their precarious way across the recently propped Free Bridge to their homes.

SIXTY-EIGHT BABIES COO AS JUDGES PICK WINNERS

Proud Mothers at St. Peter's Carnival Ready to Flash News to Husbands When Result Is Announced—DeCarr, Brooks, Dart and Raffo Crawl Away With the Honors.

Sixty-eight babies, all well groomed and full of smiles, faced the judges at St. Peter's carnival yesterday, and demanded the prize money. As they waited they gazed and cooed, with an occasional cry, which reminded the judges that they would have to hurry. Proud mothers stood by and hoped, although proud fathers were somewhere else at work, after having flashed over the telephone.

While the crowd awaited the announcement the judges prepared the summaries, as follows:

Infants, one to twelve months of age—Charles M. DeCarr and Joseph A. Brooks, eight and seven months old, respectively.

One to three years' class—Miss Elizabeth Dart, two and one-half years old.

Three to five years' class—Miss Minnie Raffo, four years.

The handsome fan at the candy booth was awarded to Mrs. Ward.

The greatest interest now centres in the contests for the silver tea set, which closes to-morrow night. Mr. Cummings is leading, with Mr. Mallory a close second, while the others are gaining rapidly.

As the end of the carnival approaches, the scenes become gay and more exciting, and to-night is looked forward to as the gala night of the merry fair. In anticipation of this, the Italian, Children of Mary's, Japanese, Junior Auxiliary, Euchre and Country Store booths and the Rummage Table have, made special arrangements for the sale and disposition of their choicest articles, and the time will be found to be most advantageous by all attending.

Special attractions will be offered from 2 to 6 P. M. to-day and to-morrow for the benefit of the school children of Richmond and Manchester, who are admitted to the carnival free of charge.

STATE MEDICAL SOCIETY ELECTS DR. STUART M'GUIRE PRESIDENT

Richmond Surgeon Unanimous Choice of Convention on First Ballot.

ROANOKE GETS NEXT MEETING

Surgeon-General Rixey Tells Virginia Doctors About Their Brothers in the Navy.

Dr. Stuart McQuire, of Richmond, was elected president of the Virginia Medical Society yesterday. Other State officers chosen are Dr. O. C. Wright, Jarrett, first vice-president; Dr. E. T. Brady, Abingdon, second vice-president; Dr. Reid W. Lee, Lexington, third vice-president; Dr. L. B. Edwards, Richmond, secretary, and Dr. R. M. Slaughter, Richmond, treasurer.

Roanoke was chosen as the next place of meeting, the time to be named by the executive committee. The salary of the president was increased to \$1,000 per year; the society was divided into two sections, medical and surgical; the annual conventions of the society will hereafter be only in cities having a population of at least 25,000.

Elections Were Unanimous.

All of the officers and of the committees were recommended by the executive committee. The list was read and after some discussion and a good deal of banter the entire roster submitted by the committee was unanimously elected, applause greeting the announcement of President Drewry that the ticket had been elected. The report of the executive committee and the election of officers and committees took up most of the time of the delegates during the afternoon session of the convention.

President-elect McQuire, of Richmond, is one of the best known and most successful surgeons in the South. Both in his hospital work and his private practice he has made an enviable reputation, and is the choice of the entire profession for the honor. He succeeds an able and popular physician in the person of retiring President Drewry. Dr. Drewry has received many encomiums during his term as the executive head of the Virginia Medical Society.

Surgeon-General Rixey's Paper.

At the forenoon session of the convention the address of Surgeon-General P. M. Rixey was easily the feature of the day. The paper was supposed to be more than ordinarily expert, and he appeared on the platform, and the announcement that he was here and would talk to the physicians of Virginia drew the largest audience of speakers in the city, and spoke with spirit, and his paper was highly lauded by the doctors who heard it.

Dr. Rixey said it was a pleasure to him to greet Virginians and to address the physicians and surgeons of the State. He said the profession in the United States. The marine medical service, he said, was about 350 strong, representing the various grades from the acting chief of the medical corps to the acting assistant surgeon. Each member of the service was supposed to be more than ordinarily expert, he said, since the members of the marine medical service came from the best medical colleges in the country, and were afterward given training in the Federal establishment.

Tribute to Virginia.

Only about one in four men pass the naval examining board, said the speaker, but the work is alluring and the compensation and travel are attractive to most men. The speaker reviewed the subject at length, and in closing paid this tribute to Virginia:

"Of all sources from which we recruit the medical ranks of the navy, this great State, particularly through its great University of Virginia, has entered the corps. This fact, in part, evidences a continuation of the large part our citizens have always taken in honorable public life, and in view of the proud history of Virginia it would be strange, indeed, if it were not. It needs be, as the brave men who have blazed the way for them in all the honorable walks of life."

Other Papers Read.

Many other papers were read during the forenoon, most of them being technical and of interest chiefly to the medical profession. Dr. Charles T. St. Clair, of Tazewell, discussed "Some Phases of Tuberculosis" in an interesting manner. He pointed out the fact that many persons, through ignorance, neglect and lack of proper treatment, the proper way to breathe and eat, were their own worst enemies.

The chairmanship of the membership committee was awarded to Dr. W. D. Turner, of Shovel Bay, for the twentieth time, and each ticket for this honor has come to the veteran doctor it has been unsolicited and with unanimity. Dr. Turner has been a member of the society for the past twenty-six years, and has never missed a State meeting.

Standing Committee Elected.

Following are the standing committees elected yesterday for the ensuing year:

Judiciary Committee—Dr. I. C. Boster, chairman; Drs. J. S. Irvine, C. T. St. Clair, George B. Fidelity, J. S. Davis, Lewis Holliday, George J. Williams.

Membership Committee—Dr. W. D. Turner, chairman; Dr. W. F. Driver, J. B. Jones, W. W. Chaffin, M. W. Payne.

Legislative Committee—Dr. Charles R. Grandy, chairman; Drs. H. S. McLean, J. W. Hope, J. H. Ayers, W. B. Payne.

House of Delegates, A. M. A.—Dr. J. S. Harsley, J. L. Kent, W. E. Anderson.

The convention will come to a close to-day. The new president-elect and other State officers will be presented to the convention at to-day's session, and the business will be taken up and completed, and the convention will adjourn at 10 P. M.

The selection of Roanoke for the next meeting appears to give universal satisfaction to those most concerned.

Commissioners Away.

Judge H. R. Prentiss and Captain Joseph E. Willard, of the State Corporation Commission, spent yesterday inspecting the Virginia Air Line Railway for the purpose of determining its physical condition. They were accompanied by Mr. R. T. Wilson, clerk of the commission.



DR. STUART M'GUIRE.

VIRGINIA DOCTORS BEGIN WAR ON WHITE PLAGUE

At what might properly be termed a "mass" meeting of guardians of the public health of the Commonwealth, held last night in the auditorium of the Jefferson Hotel, it was decided to begin a concerted campaign on the great white plague, and no flag of truce will be waved by the opponents of this great bane of the human family until it has been whipped.

Dr. Ennion G. Williams, State Health Commissioner, read a paper in which he discussed the work of the State Department of Health. He announced at the outset that preventive measures were primarily the province of that department, and said that all the boards and health officers of every county, city, town and village in Virginia should render every assistance.

Dr. Williams said that he had always realized the great ravages of tuberculosis in Virginia, and that he had always favored an organized effort to rid the State of its worst enemy. He, therefore, was glad to assure the Virginia Medical Society that an organized fight on the plague it had his most earnest support and hearty assistance.

Dr. E. C. Levy, chief health officer of Richmond, told of the work of his department for the past two years that has been in good voice, and spoke of the establishment by the city, he said, for the care of consumptives. One was for whites, the other for negroes. During the short time that these institutions had been established more than 100 patients had been treated.

Several of the best doctors in the city treated the patients and some of them had already been cured.

Dr. Levy told also of the stamping out of the causes of typhoid to a great extent, and said that the day was not far distant when Richmond would be about the healthiest place in the world if the people would do their share of the work.

Dr. Rawley W. Martin, of Lynchburg, who presided, declared that the State, county, city, town and village boards of health of Virginia had met for the purpose of uniting for the great work of improving the health of the people.

He introduced Dr. H. S. Hedges, of Charlottesville, who read a paper on the work of a county board. Dr. Hedges told of the work of his county board of health in stamping out an epidemic of smallpox. He strongly recommended the enactment of a law making it compulsory to send all birth and death statistics to the boards of health. He was already doing the best he could to do tuberculosis.

Dr. S. P. Latane, of Winchester, discussed the work of a town board, saying that a State law was badly needed to give all boards of health more power.

Dr. Latane said that it was impossible to enforce proper sanitary precautions in deaths, in sickness and in everything that goes for the improvement of the public health.

PLAN FOR SEVEN NEW PLAYGROUNDS

Committee Will Formulate Report for November Council With Estimate of Cost.

Seven playgrounds will be recommended to the Council by the special committee which has been studying the subject. The exact locations have not been announced, and before the report is formulated options will be secured on all the property which it proposed to acquire. In some cases where prices are satisfactory the committee will recommend the purchase of property outright, and in others the rental for a year or more with the option of purchasing if funds are available at the end of that time. In a general way the playgrounds, each of which will be equipped with apparatus estimated to cost \$500, will be located as follows:

One in Fulton, one on the upper end of Church Hill, the equipment of the Marshall Schoolyard at Nineteenth and Marshall Streets, already owned by the city; the Seaboard Warehouse property, also owned by the city, at the main section of the city convenient to the new High School; one for colored children to be located west of First Street, north of Leigh, and a fully equipped playground on a large tract of land on the city playgrounds on the Clark's Spring property, belonging to the city, adjoining Hollywood.

DECREASE IN RAILWAY EARNINGS FOR SEPTEMBER

Tidewater and Western Shows Heavy Loss in Revenue as Compared With Same Months of Last Year.

The gross earnings of the Tidewater and Western Railroad Company for the month of September, 1908, were \$2,187,694, as compared with \$2,187,694 for the same month of last year. The gross earnings for the month of September, 1907, were \$2,187,694, as compared with \$2,187,694 for the same month of last year. The gross earnings for the month of September, 1907, were \$2,187,694, as compared with \$2,187,694 for the same month of last year.

Mr. Keiser Away.

Commissioner of Agriculture George W. Keiser is in Nashville, Tenn., attending a meeting of the National Association of State Agricultural Commissioners. He is expected to return to the city to-morrow.

WOULD UNIFY ITS WORK OF RELIEF

Associated Charities Names Committee to Confer With All Organizations.

At a meeting of the board of directors of the Associated Charities last night, President Robert A. Lancaster, Jr., presented a report showing the arrangement entered into with the Juvenile Protective Society, whereby the general secretary, Dr. James Buchanan, would act as secretary for that organization, and the board of directors would act as the executive body.

The spirit of co-operation, he said, should be fostered, and a more comprehensive plan developed in which each philanthropic organization would play its part. The report was unanimously approved.

Secretary Buchanan presented a report for the work of the summer months, showing that 900 orders for groceries had been given, at a cost of \$1,025. Special cases of distress have been relieved through the liberality of the public, which has never failed to respond to a call for funds. The noticeable feature of the report was the large demand made on the Associated Charities this year by those out of work and unable to secure employment, this department having called for \$5,000 more than last year.

The spirit of co-operation existing during the past year, and its favorable results in the interest of the needy, led the board of managers to appoint a special committee of five, consisting of Mrs. C. E. Bolling, Mrs. N. V. Randolph, R. A. Patterson, Robert Lecky, Jr., and Dr. Buchanan, to confer with the various organizations distributing relief, including the city authorities, so that the greatest good may be accomplished for the poor.

WILL VOTE FOR BRYAN

Friends of Colonel Pariah Authorize Such a Statement.

Some of the close personal and political friends of Colonel J. Scott Pariah, of this city, have issued a statement concerning his attitude in the coming election. "Colonel J. Scott Pariah," they say, having been mentioned in one of the newspapers of this city as a possible supporter of Judge Taft, authorizes the statement that he has no intention of voting the Republican ticket. Colonel Pariah is connected with the Richmond Cedar Works, has large and substantial interests in this community, and has always been ready and willing to do what he deemed best for the good of the community.

When asked the direct question last night Colonel Pariah said: "Although I did not favor the nomination of Mr. Bryan as president, I expect to vote for him in the general election."

This sets at rest once for all the rumors that Colonel Pariah expected to vote for Taft in the coming election.

REFER FLUME TO SUBCOMMITTEE

Must Recommend Effective and Prompt Method of Securing Clear Water.

City Attorney Says Water Committee Has No Authority to Arbitrate.

Investigation of the settling basin flume, after hearing a number of letters and reports, was referred by the Council Committee on Water last night to a subcommittee, consisting of Chairman Mills and Aldermen Grundy and Bennett, to make full inquiry and report. The subcommittee has been called to meet to-morrow at 10 A. M. in the office of the Water Department at the City Hall.

The meeting was called to hear a report of the Superintendent of the Water Department on the condition of the flume. Mr. Davis presented a report embracing the correspondence between himself and the Crouse Construction Company, including a letter from Meredith & Cooke, attorneys for the Crouse Company, offering to submit the matter to the arbitration of disinterested engineers, one to be selected by it and one by the city.

No Authority to Arbitrate.

City Attorney Pollard briefly explained the legal points involved in the contract. No such provision for arbitration was provided for in the contract, he said, it being specifically stated that the flume shall be completed in a manner satisfactory to the Superintendent of the Water Department. It was not satisfactory to Superintendent Davis, and he had so notified the contractor. The required five days had elapsed and no effort had been made to begin the work of replacing the broken sections. The Crouse Company, Mr. Pollard added, might now declare the contract void and proceed on its own account to have the flume put in order. The contract, however, had been approved by the Council, and the committee had no right without authority from the Council to submit the matter to an arbitration which would be binding on the city.

"The question has been raised by the Crouse Company," continued Mr. Pollard, "as to whether a flume built according to specifications would hold the water pressure. This is not the point at issue. The question now before us is whether the Crouse people have built the flume in accordance with the plans and specifications as required in the contract. The City Engineer says they have not; that in certain places already examined, the concrete has been found to be badly mixed and the reinforcing wire poorly tied. The committee has abundant ground to abrogate the contract, and may make an investigation for itself."

To Collect Damages.

After hearing an extended report from Superintendent Davis and a statement from City Engineer Bolling as to the condition of the flume, the committee adjourned to meet to-morrow. Mr. Bennett offered the following resolution, which was adopted unanimously:

"That the report of the superintendent be referred to a subcommittee of three, to consist of the chairman of this committee and two other members to be appointed by the chair, with instructions to take into consideration, together with the City Engineer, Superintendent of the Water Works and City Attorney, and report at the earliest moment, what action should be taken by the Council in order to secure at the earliest practicable time a completion of a safe and efficient flume from the Settling Basin to the New Pump House, so that clear water may be furnished water-takers of the city and also what steps should be taken to enforce the collection of damages sustained and likely to be sustained by the city by reason of the failure of the Crouse Construction Company to comply with their contract with the city for the building of said flume, and to secure the collection of damages as soon as the subcommittee is ready to report."

Will Investigate Later.

Councilman Cutchins stated that he had not withdrawn his resolution asking the Council for authority to order a full investigation, but that he would not press it until the regular meeting of the Water Committee, by which time it is expected the subcommittee will be ready to report. Engineer Bolling stated that while the firm had built concrete sewers and other concrete work, it had never built a conduit for conveying water under pressure.

Other Similar Work.

City Engineer Bolling, armed with facts and figures for the use of the committee, presenting various engineering and technical periodicals containing descriptions of concrete flumes used for conveying water under pressure in this country and abroad. One that he noted in particular has been used for more than a year by the Water Works of Philadelphia, was ten feet in interior diameter against two feet in Richmond, was longer by 1,000 feet and had a water pressure of forty pounds against about twenty-five in the Richmond flume. The reinforced wire in this tube was placed further apart than in the Richmond tube.

Gets Absolute Divorce.

An absolute divorce was granted to Sophia Catherine Tofts from her husband, Francis Edward Tofts, by Judge Scott, in the Henrico county Circuit Court yesterday afternoon. Under the terms of the court's decision the husband must pay his wife's attorney's fees and temporary alimony.

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